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## **Amendments to Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

transmitting, by a computer based system for managing financial data, a standardized template for capturing remote financial data <u>and a customization tool</u> to a plurality of remote terminals, <u>wherein</u> the standardized template <u>is</u> operable on a plurality of operating systems, <u>and wherein the standardized template is customized with the customization tool to create a customized template for at least one of the remote terminals;</u>

receiving, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from the plurality of remote terminals via the standardized template and the customized template;

matching, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from the standardized template and the customized template to master financial data based on a set of predetermined rules, wherein the master financial data is stored in a first format, and at least one of the and wherein a first remote terminals terminal stores remote financial data in a second format which is receivable by the standardized template, and wherein a second remote terminal stores remote financial data in a third format which is receivable by the customized template, and wherein the standardized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from the second format to the first format and the customized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from a third format to a first format;

identifying, by the computer based system, an un-reconciled amount based on the matching; analyzing, by the computer based system, the un-reconciled amount;

determining, by the computer based system, a classification of the un-reconciled amount;

transmitting, by the computer based system, a notification in response to the classification of the un-reconciled amount;

processing, by the computer based system, the un-reconciled amount based on the classification; and

updating, by the computer based system, the master financial data based on the remote financial data.

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2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least two of the remote terminals use different operating systems.

- 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein at least two of the remote terminals use different accounting software applications.
- 4-5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising[[:]] updating a balance sheet based on the un-reconciled amount.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the remote financial data includes a transaction involving an account, wherein and the master financial data includes a balance due for the account.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 [[6]], wherein the standardized template comprises[:]] a format that is independent of an operating system and an application.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, the receiving further comprising[[:]] scheduling, by the computer based system, a time for the receiving with the remote terminals.
- 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising[[:]] transmitting, by the computer based system, to the remote terminals, a plurality of functions for generating customized templates for capturing the remote financial data.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising[[:]] maintaining, by the computer based system, identification data of users authorized to enter the remote financial data.
- 13-25. (Cancelled)
- 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the classification is at least one of write-off, further review required, and reconciled.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the format of the standardized template is provided in JAVA format.

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28. (Currently Amended) A tangible non-transitory computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon that, if executed by a computer based system for managing financial data, cause the computer based system to perform operations comprising:

transmitting, by a computer based system for managing financial data, a standardized template for capturing remote financial data <u>and a customization tool</u> to a plurality of remote terminals, <u>wherein</u> the standardized template <u>is</u> operable on a plurality of operating systems, <u>wherein the standardized template is customized with the customization tool to create a customized template for at least one of the remote terminals;</u>

receiving, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from the plurality of remote terminals via the standardized template and the customized template;

matching, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from the standardized template and the customized template to master financial data based on a set of predetermined rules, wherein the master financial data is stored in a first format, and at least one of the a first remote terminals terminal stores remote financial data in a second format which is receivable by the standardized template, and a second remote terminal stores remote financial data in a third format which is receivable by the customized template, and wherein the standardized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from the second format to the first format and the customized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from a third format to a first format;

identifying, by the computer based system, an un-reconciled amount based on the matching; analyzing, by the computer based system, the un-reconciled amount;

determining, by the computer based system, a classification of the un-reconciled amount;

transmitting, by the computer based system, a notification in response to the classification of the un-reconciled amount;

processing, by the computer based system, the un-reconciled amount based on the classification; and

updating, by the computer based system, the master financial data based on the remote financial data.

29. (Currently Amended) A system for managing financial data comprising:

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a network interface communicating with a memory;

the memory communicating with a processor; and

the processor, when executing a computer program, is configured to:

transmit a standardized template for capturing remote financial data and a customization tool to a plurality of remote terminals, wherein the standardized template is operable on a plurality of operating systems, wherein the standardized template is customized with the customization tool to create a customized template for at least one of the remote terminals;

receive the remote financial data from the plurality of remote terminals via the standardized template and the customized template;

match the remote financial data from the standardized template and the customized template to master financial data based on a set of predetermined rules, wherein the master financial data is stored in a first format, and at least one of the a first remote terminals terminal stores remote financial data in a second format which is receivable by the standardized template, and a second remote terminal stores remote financial data in a third format which is receivable by the customized template, and wherein the standardized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from the second format to the first format and the customized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from a third format to a first format;

identify an un-reconciled amount based on the matching;

analyze the un-reconciled amount;

determine a classification of the un-reconciled amount;

transmit a notification in response to the classification of the un-reconciled amount;

process the un-reconciled amount based on the classification; and

updating the master financial data based on the remote financial data.

(New) The method of claim 1, wherein the customized template comprises a format that is 30. independent of an operating system and an application.